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THE DECATUR RETAIL MARKET.

Ruling Prices at the Various Stores—Wheat and Coal.

DECATUR, ILL., Jan. 17, 1885.

THE PRODUCE MARKET

FLOUR—Mill prices First grade, White Loaf, $2.80 per hundred; second grade, $2.40; third, $2.00.

BUCKWHEAT—Bulk, 5 cents a pound; package, 20 and 40 cents each.

CORN MEAL—60 cents a bushel.

COFFEES—Roasted, 5 to 8 lbs for a dollar; green, 4½ to 8 lbs for a dollar; package coffee, 15 and 20 cents.

SUGAR—Cut Loaf, 8 lbs for a dollar; powdered, 9 lbs; A, 12 lbs; extra C, 12½ lbs.

EGGS—25 cents a dozen.

POTATOES—50 cents a bushel.

CABBAGE—5 to 15 cents a head.

CELERY—5 cents a bunch.

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WALNUTS—75 cents a bushel.

HICKORYNUTS—$1.25 to $1.50 a bushel.

BUTTER—Country, 12½ to 20 cents.

LARD—10 cents a pound.

BACON—11 to 12½ cents a pound.

HAMS—15 cents a pound.

CHICKENS—live, 25 cents each.

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CRANBERRIES 12½ and 15 cents a quart.

SYRUPS—From 50 to $1.00 a gallon.

APPLES—$1.00 a bushel.

STOCK PRICES.

COWS AND HEIFERS—Decatur butchers are paying $3.50 to $4.00 per hundred pounds. Steers, $4.00 to $5.00 per hundred.

SHEEP—$3.50 per hundred.

HOGS—$4.00 per hundred.

CALVES—$5.00 per hundred.

Butchers sell pork at 3 to 10 cents per pound; same for mutton, and 7 to 15 cents a pound for beef.

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Dealers are paying the following prices per bushel for grain:

WHEAT—75c per bu.

CORN—32 cents.

OATS—25 cents.

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COAL.

Decatur and all other soft coal $2.25 a ton delivered; $1.75 a ton at yards.

Indiana Block, $3.50 a ton.

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—A departure in art furniture is the introduction of the Jacobine and Queen Mary Stuart styles in lieu of the overdone Queen Anne.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

—Do not let the stock stand out in the cold to save feeding in the barn. —*Prairie Farmer.*

—Wash your windows with a wing instead of a cloth, and look out on a clean, well-kept yard.

—Farmers are urged by the *Western Plowman* to stand by the sheep on the safe principle that "when many are going out of business is a good time to go into it."

—A little soda as well as salt is recommended to boil with cabbage as it affects the flavor agreeably. For one head of cabbage take a pinch of soda equal in bulk to a good-sized pea.

—A cream pie made after this rule is an improvement on the old-time so-called pie: Make a rich custard; if possible, use cream, if not, use rich milk and some cream with it; bake this in a puff paste; while it is baking whip a coffee-cup full of thick sweet cream till it is as light as it can be, and when the pie is taken from the oven put the whipped cream on the top.—*Boston Budget.*

—Gas tar will drive away ants, but where they gather around apple trees, as they are apt to do, it is a question whether it is to the advantage of the orchardist to get rid of them. Ants are very destructive to the apple or plant lice which on apple trees are a frequent cause of unfruitfulness by destroying the foliage at a time when it is most needed for starting the young fruit.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—The common white flat turnip, or the purple top strop leaf variety, are the kinds mostly in demand by city consumers. Yet they are not so rich as the yellow varieties or even as the rutabagas. Toward midwinter and later the early white turnips become stringy and of little value, while the yellow turnips and rutabagas are better after midwinter than they are when first gathered.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

—It is only of late years that people have learned that in order to succeed with window plants in winter, the plants should be adapted and prepared for the purpose previously. An exhausted summer blooming plant cannot be expected to bloom in winter, and should never be asked to. Young plants, or those which have not been allowed to bloom during summer, are the essentials to success.—*Boston Globe.*

OLD HENS AS FOOD.

"Not Too Old, You Know, But Just Old Enough."

A fowl, to be really good and nutritious, ought never to be killed much under twelve months old. A young chicken, I am well aware, is considered a great dainty, but one certainly does not get the full, rich flavor possessed by a more mature bird. In France, where fowls are thought so much of, capons and poulardes, at twelve months old, are considered at their very best for table purposes,

At the great show of dead poultry held in Paris every year, nearly all the birds are twelve months old or more. They are fed up to an enormous size for the purpose of showing, as of course the heaviest bird, other things being equal, carries off the prize.

Nothing can be more tasteless and disagreeable than an old fowl, badly cooked. The poor bird is quite helpless, and must depend entirely upon the patience and skill of the cook to bring out and make known its good properties. If it is treated in the same manner as a young fowl, the consequence is it will be almost uneatable, but if cooked in a way becoming its age, it is, by far, to be preferred to a young bird.

Fowls, either young or old, should always be allowed to hang a few days after being killed before they are cooked, or they are likely to be tough. The older the bird is, the longer it should hang, except in very hot weather, when it is apt to become tainted; it is better, of course, to cook it the day after it has been killed than allow it to spoil. Old fowls are not often good for roasting; they are much better when boiled or stewed. One very good receipt for making an old fowl eat tender, is the following; it may sound rather absurd to some, but I think whoever tries it will be satisfied with the result. Pluck the fowl quickly after being killed; wrap it in vine leaves, then in a napkin, and bury it for twenty-four hours. Be careful to mark the spot where it is buried, or it may be very difficult, perhaps impossible, to find it again, which would be a very annoying business, as not only the fowl, and the cook's time, but the napkin, too, would be lost. When the bird is taken up, boil it very gently until tender, say about three hours; then skin it, and cut into neat joints convenient for serving. Make a nice sauce as follows: Mix a dessertspoonful of flour with a little cold water, and add a teacupful of milk and the same quantity of gravy, or the water in which the fowl has been boiled. Stir this sauce till it boils, then lay in the pieces of fowl and let them gently simmer till quite hot through. The sauce can be flavored with any favorite seasoning, such as lemon rind, mace, parsley or thyme, with pepper and salt. If the sauce is required very rich, the yelk of an egg, well beaten, may be added last thing, but it must not, on any account, boil after the egg has been put in or it will curdle, and the sauce will thus be spoiled.

The following method will be found an excellent one if the fowl is to be eaten cold. The receipt is a French one, and is with some persons a great favorite. Prepare the fowl as before described; that is, wrap it in vine leaves and bury it for twenty-four hours. When taken up, truss it as for boiling, and stuff it with water cresses, well seasoned with mustard, pepper and salt, or with any other favorite salad, and gently stew the bird until quite tender. Serve it cold, prettily garnished with sprigs of fresh parsley. There are other recipes for cooking old fowls to make them eat tender, but in one and all the chief thing to remember is, that whether the bird has to be roasted, boiled, or stewed, it must be allowed to cook gently and slowly.—*Aunt Chloe, in Country Gentleman.*

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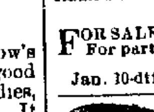

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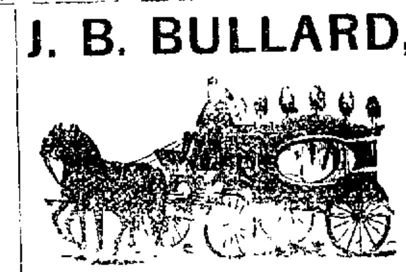

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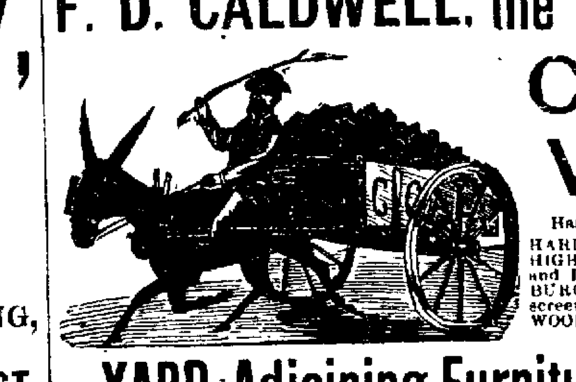

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SATURDAY EVE., JAN. 17, 1885.

THE Democrats have a majority of one in the house of representatives. Why don't they organize? The Republicans have one majority in the senate, and organized it without an hour's delay.

THE Democrats in the house of representatives selected Haines as their candidate for temporary speaker, and elected him to that position with the aid of one Republican member. The Democrats would now like to get rid of their elephant, who refuses to allow a vote on permanent speaker, but they are afraid to sit down on him for fear of losing his vote for United States Senator.

GOV. OGLESBY has taken possession of the executive mansion, but as he is not yet sworn in as governor he does not feel authorized to employ the necessary help, and the snow lies a couple of feet deep around the house, with nobody to shovel it away. And the office seekers fume and fret and say naughty words because they can't get any nearer to "the presence" than the street car track. But Uncle Dick enjoys himself better than he has for a long time.

A Flourishing Institution.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Commonwealth Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which appear in to-day's paper, show a gratifying state of progress made by this young Decatur institution. An examination of these reports proves that it is not necessary for our people to send quite all their insurance premiums to companies located in eastern cities, but on the contrary may find safe and reliable insurance in a home company, keeping the money in their midst to help swell the volume of business in every branch of trade. For the very gratifying and encouraging degree of success which the Commonwealth has attained in so short a time much credit is due to the efficient secretary, John A. Barnes, who has devoted his whole time and efforts to the work of putting the new company upon a paying basis. To the accomplishment of this task Mr Barnes proved himself fully equal, his long practical experience as an insurance man being just what was needed. He has been a faithful and efficient officer, and the company, through its board of directors, acted wisely in re-electing him to the position he has filled so well since the organization of the institution.

HAINES STILL CLINGING TO THE TAIL-HOLT

An All Day and Half Night Session.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Jan 16. Upon the assembling of the House this morning, Mr. Haines, temporary Speaker, and declaring himself permanent Speaker, said he had a constitutional duty to perform, and in pursuance of it he said he would instruct the doorkeeper to notify the Senate that the House was regularly organized and would proceed at 10 this forenoon to canvass the returns of the state officers. Fuller, Republican, moved the House direct the doorkeeper not to convey such a communication. Haines ruled the motion out of order. Fuller appealed from the decision of the Chair. West, Democrat, said any paper signed by Haines as Speaker was an illegal document. If Haines wanted revolution, he (West) was in favor of opposing him by revolution. The House should proceed to a permanent organization and save the taxes of the people. Haines called Crafts to the chair and said if he had done wrong the penitentiary was open for him. Haines said Governor Hamilton threatened to prorogue the Legislature if the House adjourned over until Monday.

The discussion is still proceeding. Governor Hamilton denies having made the statement credited to him by Haines.

Mr. Haines quit speaking at 2 o'clock. Fuller replied to Haines and expressed the hope that Haines would not be sent to the penitentiary, for if sent there he would immediately declare himself the Warden.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 17. 1:30 a. m. —At 1:30 o'clock this morning an agreement to adjourn until Monday afternoon was made between the leaders, Fuller's appeal to be the pending business, but the men who had been most anxious to adjourn renued it over and insisted on a call of the roll after the motion to adjourn had been fairly carried viva voce.

At 1 40 a. m. the House adjourned. The understanding now is that Haines will resign Monday or Tuesday. Three of the Democratic members are sick, Shaw of Cass quite seriously, with threatened pneumonia.

IMAGINE the surprise of Rev. R. F. White, Greenville, N. Y., who writes to say: "My wife was helpless with Inflammatory Rheumatism, and had been for a long time. On Sunday morning she began to take ATHLOPHOROS. I was away and returned at 2 p. m. Was overwhelmed to find her walking about, suffering but little pain. We mutually acknowledge the great value of ATHLOPHOROS as a specific for Rheumatism."

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BY TELERGAPH

FROM WASHINGTON.

Refusal of the House to Concur in the Edmunds Grant Bill.

The Distillers' Bonanza—Indian Appropriation Bill—Report of the Department of Agriculture.

The Inter-State Commerce Bills in the Senate — Railroad Land Forfeiture Bill in the House.

The House Will Not Concur in the Edmund's Grant Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 16.—By a vote of eight to three the House Committee on Military Affairs this morning directed the original bill containing the name of General Grant for retirement should be called up in the House at the first opportunity and pressed to a passage. Those voting in the affirmative were: Rosecrans, Slocum, Morgan, Woodford, Murray, Connelly, Bayne, Lyman. Those in the negative: Steele, Cutcheon. The negatives were in favor of the Edmunds bill, which passed the Senate this week. The vote was reached by a motion made by Cutcheon that the bill providing for the retirement of General Pleasanton be called up from the Speaker's table, amended by striking out the name, and thereby leaving its provisions precisely the same as the Edmund's Grant bill. The motion failed by a vote of eight against two. The proposition respecting the original Grant bill was then passed upon by the committee.

The Distillers' Bonanza

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 17.—There was laid before the House yesterday a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury inclosing the draft of a bill prepared by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, "To amend the laws relating to the entry of distilled spirits in distillery and special bonded warehouses, and the withdrawal of the same therefrom." The bill extends the time for the payment of the tax indefinitely, or until the spirits are withdrawn.

Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 17.—For the Upper Mississippi Valley generally, colder and clearing weather followed in the northern portion by slight rise in temperature; northwesterly winds, generally shifting to southwesterly.

For Sunday: Colder and fair weather is indicated for New England. The Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley and Tennessee and the lower lake regions.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 16.—A number of memorials protesting against the ratification of the Spanish treaty were submitted to the Senate to-day. Among them was one by Mr. Cameron (of Pennsylvania) from members of the tobacco unions of Pennsylvania. The memorial was accompanied by a resolution declaring the pending treaty to be unjust and unequal in its terms, predicting that its ratification would throw out of employment in the United States a greater number of persons than there are inhabitants in the provinces to which the treaty applies. The memorials were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Senator Hoar (of Massachusetts), in submitting the petition praying for the repeal of the "four-year tenure office act," hoped the bill now pending before the Senate committee on that subject would be acted upon during this session of Congress.

Mr Frye, from the Committee on Commerce, reported favorably the bill establishing a port of entry at Mount Desert, Tarry, Maine. Passed.

Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Pensions, reported unfavorably the bill to grant a pension to Mrs. DeLong, widow of the Commander of the Jeannette Arctic Expedition, with a minority report favoring the granting of the pension. The reports were ordered printed.

Mr Beck introduced a bill to settle and adjust the claims of any State for expenses incurred in defense of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sewell introduced a bill referring to the President the differences which exist with regard to the Venezuelan Mixed Claims Commission.

The bill laid over from yesterday authorizing the President to appoint three Commissioners to the International Exhibition at Antwerp, and appropriating $25,000 for the expenses of such Commissioners, was amended by adding authority to appoint one Commissioner to the International Exhibition of Patents to be held in London, and to defray the expenses of preparing a proper exhibit of American patents, and, as amended, was passed.

At 2 p. m. consideration of unfinished business, the Senate's Inter-State commerce bill was resumed.

Mr. Van Wyck delivered a carefully prepared and polished speech on the general question of the aggressions of corporations. In Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, he said, the people were compelled to burn their corn for fuel for want of an outlet at reasonable rates of transportation. The farmers of Wisconsin and Minnesota were selling wheat below the cost of production, while the people in the coal-mining districts of Pennsylvania were denied the privilege of producing more coal and were suffering for want of the corn burned on the prairies, and thousands in New York and other States were making shirts at three cents each, and perishing for want of the wheat which in the West was being sold at prices below the cost of production. He ridiculed the Senate bill as a plan to appoint seven men with salaries and expenses greater than those of Cabinet Ministers, with no power to correct abuses or right wrongs, but only to write essays. The Reagan bill, as it passed the House was infinitely better. It declared offenses affixed penalties and allowed the growers to proceed for a remedy in either a State or Federal Court. He asserted it would be an unfortunate day when a Republican Senate declined to accept a measure adopted by a Democratic House in the interest of the people. The Senate bill was moral suasion very much watered.

After further debate, Mr. Brown began a history of railroads, commencing with the first railroad that ever ran on the face of the earth, that opened from Liverpool to Manchester, England in 1830, and tracing new development down to the present day, dwelling especially on the vast sums which had been invested in railroads and lost by the original investors through the popular clamor for low rates. He analyzed the system of charges adopted by the railroad, defending on economic grounds, the carrying of light freights on return cars long distances at lower rates than were charged for local freights.

At 5:10 Mr. Morgan rose and moved an adjournment, which was adopted.

House.

Mr. Cobb (of Indiana) from the committee of conference on the bill to declare the forfeit of unearned lands of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company, reported that the conference had been unable to agree. He stated that the point of disagreement was as to what was known as the Morgan amendment, sending the case to the Court of Claims, and asked an expression of the views of the House in order that the committee might be guided in their future conduct.

After some discussion the bill was sent to a second conference.

On motion of Mr. Cobb (of Indiana) the House non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the Oregon Central land grant feorfeiture bill, and it was sent to the conference.

Mr. Ellis (of Louisiana) from the Committee on Appropriations reported the Indian appropriation bill, and gave notice that he would call it up to-morrow.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the private calendar.

Several relief bills were agreed to in committee and reported to the House, and without action on them, the hour of 5 p. m. having arrived, the Speaker, under a previous order, declared the House in recess until 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At the evening session thirty-seven bills were passed, and at 10:45 the House adjourned.

It Astonishes the Public

to hear of the resignation of Dr. Pierce as a Congressman to devote himself solely to his labors as a physician. It was because his true constituents were the sick and afflicted everywhere. They will find Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" a beneficent use of his scientific knowledge in their behalf. Consumption, bronchitis, cough, heart disease, fever and ague, intermittent fever, dropsy, neuralgia, goitre or thick neck, and all diseases of the blood, are cured by this world-renowned medicine. Its properties are wonderful, its action magical. By druggists.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 16.—A howling blizzard has raged all day. The air is thick with falling and drifting snow. There is nearly a foot of snow on a level which is deepened to four feet by drifts. Local transportation is impossible. Trains are all late and the roads reported drifting badly. The thermometer is almost down to zero.

NOT A RUFFLE.

The Cisco Failure Has No Effect on the Market.

NEW YORK, January 17.—When the Stock Exchange opened yesterday morning a desperate attempt was made by the bears to depress the prices, based upon the Cisco failure. The attempt did not succeed. It is evident that the market is being strongly supported. Careful, conscientious and conservative members of the Exchange say that trouble need not be feared from the Cisco failure alone. The firm was not a speculative one, and its obligations to the members of the Exchange were small. Mr. Cisco would say nothing, and the assignee stated that an inventory of the assets will be made and a statement issued. At the bank yesterday morning Mr. Foote was delivering securities to the customers who had them on deposit with the firm.

Up to a late hour in the afternoon there were no failures growing out of the Cisco suspension. The accepted reason for Cisco's assignment now is that the daughters of the late John G. Cisco, co-heirs with Cisco of the present firm, insist upon having the estate liquidated and withdrawing their funds from the concern. In view of the unsettled state of affairs generally, it was deemed best to make an assignment. The firm had $300,000 to its credit in bank at the close of business Thursday.

The Hocking Valley Troubles.

COLUMBUS, O., January 17.—Reports from the Hocking Valley are that mysterious movements are going on among the miners between one village and the other, and a general feeling of uneasiness prevails. Assistant Adjutant-General Dill returned yesterday from making a visit among the miners of Straitsville, Nelsonville and along Sunday Creek Branch of the Hocking Valley Railway. He reports Monday and Sunday Creeks on the rampage, the water spreading over the valley. He thinks that this will prevent an outbreak of hostilities for several days, and ventures the opinion that the action of the Legislature authorizing an official investigation may have a restraining influence. Colonel Dill reported his investigation to the Governor and Adjutant-General Finley, but they refuse to divulge anything, but the impression prevails that a small force of troops will be stationed at Straitsville to prevent trouble.

An Animated Doll.

BRISTOL, TENN., January 17.—Mrs. Jennie Doll Thursday night shot and killed her husband. He was a man of violent temper and a drunkard. Some months ago he beat her in a shocking manner and she shot him, but he recovered. He became intoxicated again and assaulted her with a club. She jerked a gun from the rack and fired on him, shooting him through the head and causing instant death.

Accused of Kidnaping.

VANDALIA, ILL., January 17.—Sheriff Cox arrested here yesterday afternoon, on board the passenger train from the East, Rufus White, having in charge a little boy about four years old, and accompanied by an old lady who White says is his mother. White is wanted in Terre Haute on a charge of kidnaping the boy. The old lady was allowed to resume her journey.

Charged With Murder.

BROWNSWOOD, TEX., January 17.—John Roberts, a young lawyer who came here a few months since from Fayette County, and who was indicted at the last term of the District Court for an assault with intent to murder J. L. Harris, was yesterday surrendered by his bondsmen, and in default of bond he is now in the County Jail.

Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars Stolen.

PITTSBURGH, PA., January 17.—Burglars entered the office of Neel & Wampler in McKeesport at an early hour yesterday morning. A large safe was blown open and insurance policies, mortgages, etc., to the amount of $65,000 were stolen. Only a small portion of the paper is negotiable.

Dangerously Wounded by a Gas Explosion.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., January 17.—Five employes of the Philadelphia Oil Works, located at Point Breeze, were dangerously wounded last evening by the explosion of gas in a tank on which they were at work. They were taken to the University Hospital, and will probably die.

How Chicago Gets Business.

LANCASTER, PA., January 17.—The Lancaster Watch Factory will be removed to Chicago. A. Bitter, late manager and principle owner, who was compelled to suspend last summer, has accepted the offer of $350,000 from Chicago capitalists, and will carry on the works in that city.

THE Champion Remedy for Colic in Infants, Summer Complaint, Flux or Cholera Infantum, Dr. Brunker's Carminative Balsam, is challenged against any remedy in the United States for five hundred dollars. Its reputation is unparalleled. Perfectly harmless and pleasant to take, and equally a perfect remedy for adults for Dysentery, Flux, Neuralgia of the Stomach, Dyspepsia, Cholera Morbus or Asiatic Cholera. For sale by all druggists. Wholesaled by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Illinois. aug16-d&wtf

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AN AWFUL DEATH.

Singular and Sudden Attack of Madness Causing the Death of the Victim.

End of a Man Who Committed a Treacherous and Cowardly Murder—He Died Uttering Curses.

A Loving Spouse Murders Her Husband and Feeds His Body to the Hogs —Other Crimes.

Singular and Sudden Attack of Madness.

CAIRO, ILL., January 17.—A case of singular madness and death is reported from the town of Hampton, Ky. George Moxley, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Livingston County, while quietly reading in his parlor Wednesday afternoon, suddenly became wild, and, with frightful shrieks, threw himself upon the floor, rolling over and over, and then, bounding to his feet, began to demolish the windows and furniture with a heavy iron poker, all the while uttering the most blood-curding howls and cries. His wife, in a paroxysm of fright, called in neighbors, Wm. Fleming and his son, who found the maniac entirely nude, having torn his clothes to tatters, casting them into the fire. As they approached he threw himself upon all fours and rushed at them with threats and howls. He was captured and bound, but broke the ropes as though they were cotton cord. Seven stout men finally secured the poor victim, who lingered until last night, when death relieved him. The deceased was quiet and unobtrusive and not given to drink, and the malady did not partake of the nature of rabies.

With a Curse on His Lips.

POPLAR BLUFF, MO., January 17.—John Poplin, a somewhat noted character, died here Thursday night from an incurable disease, with an oath on his lips. On November 6, 1881, Poplin shot and instantly killed Charles Henderson in Lambeth's saloon, in this city. Poplin claimed that Henderson was unduly familiar with his (Poplin's) wife. Poplin had made a great many threats to those with whom he associated and the friends of Henderson advised him to leave the city whether guilty or not, lest injury be done him at the hands of Poplin, but Henderson refused to heed the advice of friends. On the 6th day of November, 1881, Poplin sent for Henderson, and the two had a consultation, and their differences were apparently settled. Exactly what passed between them was never known and probably never will be, but the two shook hands and both were heard to remark that the past was forgotten. They went into Lambeth's saloon with the avowed purpose of clinching the contract with a friendly glass. The liquor was poured out, and Henderson had picked up his glass and was just putting it to his lips, when Poplin drew a revolver and shot him three times through the body. Henderson died instantly. Poplin was arrested, tried for murder in the first degree and acquitted, on the plea of justifiable homicide. A little more than a year ago Poplin had an altercation with Al Luking, and cut him in a terrible manner. (Luking is the man who was shot on the 24th day of December, 1883, by Wm. Devendorf, in this city, and died a few days later of his wounds.) The wounds received at the hands of Poplin had not healed when Luking was shot. Poplin was connected with numerous other affrays, but none as serious as those above given.

Murdered by His Wife and Fed to Hogs.

UTICA, N. Y., January 17.—The District Attorney and the Coroner are conducting the examination into the death of William Druse, a farmer, murdered by his wife in the Town of Warren, four miles from Richfield Springs. Frank Gates, aged fourteen, nephew of Druse, living in the family, made an artless confession, showing that the crime was committed December 10th, and that Mrs. Druse compelled him to shoot her husband a second time and her to dispose of the body. They boiled it and fed the flesh to hogs and burned the bones, the ashes of which were buried in a swamp. The boy says that the woman cut her husband's head off and put it first in the stove. The boy acted as fireman, and had a terrible time destroying evidences of the crime. Neighbors, who noticed unusual smoke and odor, were refused admittance, and papers were kept over the windows. Since then the house has been repapered.

Weight Leroy Hanged.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., January 17.—Weight Leroy was hanged yesterday at half-past twelve. On August 18th, 1883, he decoyed Nicholas Skerrett, an aged capitalist, whom he had personally known for a long time, into one of Skerrett's houses on the plea that he wanted to rent it. While inside he told Skerrett that he would kill him unless he gave him a check for a large sum of money. Skerrett refused. Leroy then knocked him down, seized him by the throat, and while continuing his threats, choked him to death. He observed a firm demeanor on the scaffold, and asserted his innocence to the last.

A Reverend Wolf Punished.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., January 17.—Damase Desormiers, the Catholic priest who came here from Montreal and who was arrested for attempting to assault two or three little girls, was yesterday sentenced to two years at hard labor in the House of Correction.

Mysterious Assassination.

BRAIDENTOWN, FLA., January 17.—While C. E. Abbe, Postmaster and United States Land Commissioner at Sara Sota Bay, not far from this village, in company with Mr. Moorehouse, was passing the store of A. B. Bidwell, a few days ago two men stepped out of the establishment, and one of them, raising a gun, fired both barrels at Mr. Abbe, killing him instantly. Not a word had been spoken and Mr. Moorehouse turned in horror to see who had perpetrated the crime. He was ordered to walk on or suffer a similar fate. Moorehouse, being unarmed, obeyed the command. When he had reached a safe distance he looked back and saw the two men drag the corpse over the beach and throw it into a small boat and row out to a sloop which lay in waiting and took them in tow and disappeared down the bay. It was self-evident that several men were accomplices to the crime. Mr. Moorehouse said that Charles Willard was the man who did the shooting. An indignation meeting of citizens was followed by the organization of a posse of mounted men, who at night arrested four men suspected of complicity in the crime, one of whom was believed to own the mysterious sloop. Willard escaped the vigilantes by fleeing from his house by a back door.

Defiant Roughs.

PORTLAND, ORE., January 16.—The town of Huntington, which is just on the borders of Idaho and Oregon, and the point of juncture of the Oregon Railway and Navigation and Oregon Short Line Railroad, has been infested by a gang of thieves, gamblers and roughs ever since the completion of the railroad terminating there. As the desperadoes grew short in finances, in consequence of drink and dissipation, they became desperate in their manifestations, threatening bodily harm to those refusing what they called for. Citizens of the place finally became indignant, and a few days ago held a public meeting. Over 300 citizens attended, posters were printed, signed "Committee of 300," and distributed about the town, notifying all roughs to leave the place at once or abide the consequences. Instead of obeying these orders the roughs organized and prepared for any emergency that might arise, and as far as can be learned at present are still holding their ground. The Sheriff of Baker County, Ore., with a posse, is now on the scene, and the matter will probably terminate without shedding blood, but a serious collision is feared.

A SLANDERER'S DOOM.

Severe Punishment of a Man Who Attacked a Lady's Character.

AMERICUS, GA., January 17.—Thirty-nine lashes and the signing of an affidavit that he was a liar is the penalty which G. W. Murphy has just paid for slanderous remarks concerning a respectable lady. On the 3d of January Murphy told a slanderous tale to several companions, which was subsequently conveyed to the friends of the lady whose reputation was at stake. They promptly held a council of war and decided to hold Murphy to account. He was first taken to the office of Clerk Pillsbury of the Superior Court, where he affixed his signature to a card stating that what he had said was "a base and malicious falsehood." He was then taken to a secluded spot, where, his shoulders being stripped, a cowhide was used with such effect as to draw yells of pain from the wretch. When fifteen lashes had been administered he begged and pleaded for remission of the balance, but it was not until the entire thirty-nine had been given that he was turned loose with the admonition to get out of the way. The parties alleged to have administered the chastisement are very secretive, but one of them was heard to say exultingly, "Simon Cohn did the cow-hiding like a veteran."

Stock-Growers Association of New Mexico.

SANTA FE, N. M., January 17.—Colonel Joseph W. Dwyer, President of the Stock-Growers Association in New Mexico, has called a meeting of that body, to be held at Santa Fe on February 25th next. The object is to adopt measures preventing the importation and driving into New Mexico of diseased cattle, to discuss range privileges, cutting of fences, fencing of public lands, leasing such from the Government, and other matters of importance. The meeting promises to be well attended, and some important measures will be adopted. So far this winter, although a good deal of snow has fallen, cattle have done finely.

Stock Frozen to Death on Montana Ranges.

SALT LAKE, U. T., January 17.—One dead animal to each thousand head is what the cowboys found while riding the North Yellowstone Range, Montana, this week. Five of the dead ones stood in a water-hole drinking, when ice formed around them, and when they tried to drive them out they did not move "worth a cent."

Couldn't Make the Arrest.

FORT WAYNE, IND., January 17.—The situation of the striking brakemen against the "double header" system of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, remains unchanged. The only incident of note yesterday was an effort of the City Marshal, accompanied by three deputies, to serve warrants of arrest on the leaders of the strike. A large body of strikers immediately assembled, and would not allow the men to be taken, and the Marshal withdrew from the scene.

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Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Decatur:

SECTION 1. That South Monroe Street between Decatur and Forrest Street be widened so as to make a forty-five foot street; that said widening shall be made by taking and condemning sufficient land on the west side of said street; that the opening and widening said street shall be declared a public improvement to be wholly paid for by special assessment made upon the contiguous property benefitted thereby.

SECTION 2 That the City Attorney shall bring such proceedings in the County Court of Macon County, Illinois, as are necessary to ascertain the damages occasioned to property owners by the opening and widening of said street; and he shall also institute such proceedings in said court as are necessary to make a special assessment of such damages upon the contiguous property benefitted by said improvement, in accordance with the Statute in such case made and provided.

Passed this 15th day of January, A. D. 1885.

Approved this 16th day of January, A. D. 1885.

Published this 17th day of January, A. D. 1885.

JAMES C LAKE, Mayor *pro tem.*

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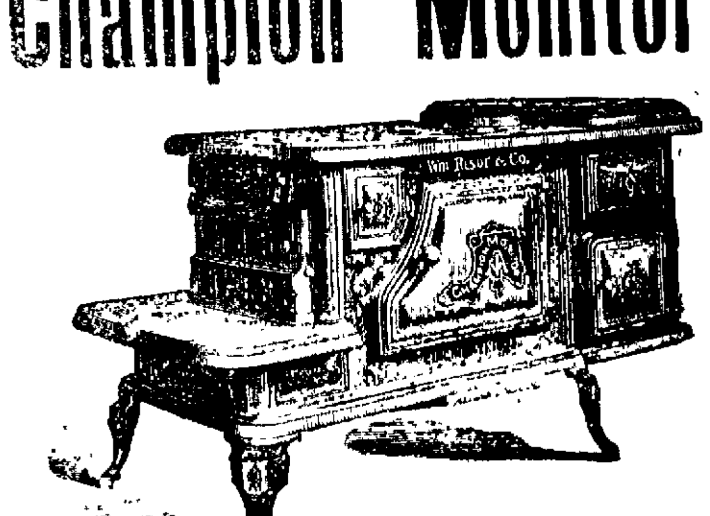

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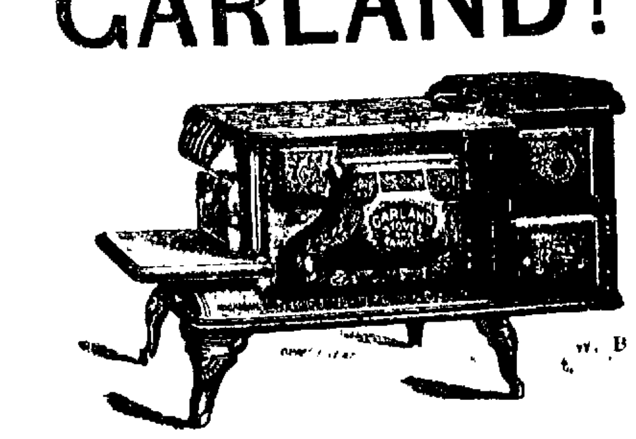

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SATURDAY EVE., JAN. 17, 1885.

LOCAL NEWS.

DOLL CARRIAGES, Wagons and Velocipedes, all styles, sizes and prices, at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

"FRITZ" and Emmet Monday night.

MRS. WELLS, a stranger, will talk on temperance at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon.

TALK to your alderman and give him your opinion as to the best route for a brick-paved highway to the depot.

THE ordinance providing for the widening of South Monroe street appears on another page.

LEAVE your order at Niedermyer's grocery store for coal and all kinds of wood. Dec. 26—dtf GEO. EHRHART.

THE people who own dashing cutters are having a jolly time gliding over the snow. Liverymen charge $2 an hour.

IT was five degrees below zero at 6 o'clock this morning. The wind from the west subsided during the night.

DAN SULLY and his "Corner Grocery" comedy troupe will pay Decatur a return visit on Friday next, the 23d.

JUDGE SMITH will hold court next week. Possibly Judge Wilkin will return and preside several days toward the close of the term.

THE Bloomington *Pantagraph* announces as practically settled that ex-Mayor T. J. Bunn will succeed General Dick as postmaster of that city, under the Cleveland administration.

CHARLEY CALDWELL had three teams out in the howling blizzard last night drawing bob sleds for the Lou Race party.

BOOK-KEEPING is now taught at the Central Business College by the month, or quarter. 17-d6

DO NOT forget the Great New York Fire Store has been removed to No. 118 Merchant street, where the stock will be sold cheaper than ever. j17-d1m

THE meetings at the United Brethren church will be continued during the next week. The meetings continue with unabated interest. Rev. Fuller is still conducting the meetings.

SNOW companies visiting Decatur and wanting a piano always ask for the Haines Bros. instrument, because it is the best. C. B. Prescott is the sole dealer for this section. See the Haines instrument at the Prescott music store, opera block.

THE Crosthwait Bros. stylish restaurant, at 141 Water street, has become very popular with the public. It is a neat, clean and inviting place, and deserves to prosper.

SMOKE none but Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars, sold at a nickel each by all leading dealers.

ORDERS for Decatur coal taken at the shaft or at Armstrong's drug store. Orders promptly filled. Terms cash. 17-dtf

THE farmers' and citizens' restaurant is at Crosthwait Bros., 111 North Water street. Give them a call.

RING up Niedermeyer on the Mound and tell him you want first-class groceries. He has a full supply.

GIVE your son a practical business education and you leave him a fortune. Call and read letters from prominent business men and former students endorsing the Central Business College. Tuition in book-keeping can be taken by the month or quarter. 17-d6

Horses Wanted.

We will be at Keester & Trimmer's stables after Jan. 15, and will pay the highest market price in cash for horses and mares, in good condition, from 4 to 12 years old. R. S. RAYMOND, 15 d3w1* J. P. STOCKTON.

End of the Trial.

The trial of Lorenzo Howard for malicious mischief was concluded in Justice Curtis' court last evening. It resulted in the conviction of Howard, who was fined $15.35, including the costs—$5 and costs for violation of ordinance and $3 damages for the breakage of a stained glass belonging to Mrs. Brummell. He was acquitted on the charge of assault and battery. The parties were all colored. Ren and Mrs. B. had a little difficulty on Jan. 13, in the fourth ward, hence the proceedings in court.

Amusements Next Week.

Monday night Joe K. Emmet will appear at the opera house in "The Strange Marriage of Fritz," a rollicking comedy in great favor in large cities where it is played a week at a time. Mr. Emmet will be supported by an excellent company and will sing several of the home songs which he has made familiar in all parts of the country. General admission, 50 and 75 cents; reserved seats, $1.00.

"The Rag Baby" will be given Thursday night, Jan. 22. Said the New York *Graphic*: "A new farcical play by Mr. C. H. Hoyt, the author of "A Bunch of Keys," called "A Rag Baby," was produced at the theatre last night by a company of excellent artists, and if laughter and boisterous applause are evidence of its fun-making qualities, certainly it was a great success. It is supposed to be a satire on the drug business and the sporting craze, and is lavishly interspersed with songs and dances." Popular prices.

OWING to the blizzard the usual literary society meeting at the high school building last night was not held, though 12 or 15 of the members were on hand. There will be a rousing meeting next Friday night, when the debate will be on the prohibition question.

W. C. T. U.

Mrs. M. L. Wells, an eminent and well known temperance worker, will come to our city to-day and will meet the ladies at our rooms, 151 S. Water street, this evening, and will speak at the tabernacle to-morrow at 3:30 p. m.

IN the St. John Parish *Register* for January Rector Moore devotes considerable space to a notice of the new church organ. Referring to the organ recital the editor writes: "Among those present we were gratified to see Governor and Mrs. Oglesby, in whose home the first money for the new organ was realized."

You Can Have It.

"My dear, what would I give to have your hair?" is often said by middle-aged ladies to young ones. Madam, you may have just such hair. Parker's Hair Balsam will give it to you. It will stop your hair from falling off, restore the original color and make it long, thick, soft and glossy. You need not stand helplessly envying the girls. The Balsam is not oily, not a dye, but is an elegant dressing, and is especially recommended for its cleanliness and purity. jan1deodaw4w

THE SNOW BLIZZARD.

Drifts of the Beautiful—All Trains Behind Time.

The most violent and the worst snow blizzard known in these parts for many years prevailed in this section yesterday and last night, and to-day the snow is 15 to 20 inches deep on the level, with drifts without number as deep as the most exacting oldest inhabitant could wish to recall recollections of the "Deep Snow" of '32.

The air was full of snow all yesterday afternoon, and last night until 12 o'clock the wind blew from the west and northwest a perfect gale, piling up the snow in great drifts along the streets and in the deep cuts on railways. Plodding pedestrians found it exceedingly tiresome to foot it home along about 10 o'clock, but so far as known no one got lost nor was anyone frozen to death.

The street car companies struggled with the pesky snow, the Citizens' company keeping their cars going even after dark some hours, and this morning bright and early they were out again with their big shovel clearing the track for the cars, which were soon moving on time. Mr. Priest collapsed early yesterday evening, and started again at 10 a. m. to-day.

Old residents say the blizzard was one of the worst in their recollection, but that the snow is not so deep as in March, 1876, in the winter of 1868, and on Jan. 1, 1864, when Gen. Tom Thumb gave a reception in Powers' Hall.

The trains from every direction were delayed last night for several hours. The Wabash trains from the west due here at 10:40 last night, did not arrive until 5 o'clock this morning, and the trains from Chicago and the east did not arrive until late this forenoon. The Central trains from the north and south are off time several hours. The one from the south did not get in until after nine o'clock, the principal cause of the delay being an accident to one of the two engines at Assumption last night. The drifting snow caused it to leave the rails.

The morning trains were all late to-day. Those from the west due at noon had not arrived up to 2 o'clock.

JOHN HATFIELD says the best route for a paved highway from the old square to the depot is on East Main street to Broadway, thence north to William, east to Morgan and north to the Wabash road. He has figured it out and says this route will be of greater convenience to 11 factories, mills and wholesale firms, while the Cerro Gordo street route, by way of Water or Main street, will benefit but 8 establishments. It seems probable that the discussion now going on will result sooner or later in having at least two paved highways to the depot. The factories are divided as to location, and the selection of any one route can but cause more or less dissatisfaction. Let the council arrange for two routes, complete one without delay, and let the other improvement follow as soon as practicable. This will be one way of settling the puzzling question. This arrangement would give the teams and hacks a "round trip route," and would prevent a blockade in time of a rush.

CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1884, Judge J. W. Wilkin Presiding.

FRIDAY, JAN 16—AFTERNOON.

Court convened at 1 30 p. m.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

James Hagon vs. Michael Collins and Hugh Irwin, distress for rent; trial by jury; verdict for the defendants. Motion entered by plaintiff for a new trial, to be heard by Wilkin on Jan. 22.

NO MORE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury got through with its labors yesterday and adjourned for this term. It was in session 17 days, and when it got down to work transacted a large amount of business.

ADJOURNED.

Judge Wilkin adjourned court at 3 p. m. until Monday, Jan 19, at 10:30 o'clock.

THE CRIMINAL CASES

will come up for trial on Monday, when all parties out on bail and all witnesses will appear in court promptly at the hour named.

Preaching Services.

Rev. D. C. Perrin, pastor of the Western Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, will arrive in this city Monday afternoon and will remain for two weeks assisting Rev. Dr. Vosburgh, at the Baptist church, in a series of extra meetings. Dr. Perrin has been pastor of his present charge for more than eight years. He is one of the best pastors and ablest preachers in Chicago. His church is always filled and conversions are frequent. For years he has been a warm personal friend of Dr. Vosburgh, hence his visit to our city.

LAST night at the New Deming hotel W. P. Morris, a traveling man from Peoria, lost his pocket book containing $95. He dropped it in the water closet at 10 p. m., where it remained until 3 o'clock this morning, when it was found by the night porter. The money was promptly returned to the owner, and Mr. Morris gave the man a five-dollar William as a reward.

A Chart Missing.

The reserved chart at Curtis & Co.'s for the J. K. Emmett entertainment has mysteriously disappeared, and it will be necessary for all who have purchased tickets previous to Thursday to drop in at the store in order that the proper assignments of seats may be made. Attend to this and avoid confusion Monday night.

THE next convention Springfield will entertain will be the Tilemakers' Association, which will hold its seventh annual meeting in the capital on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The address of welcome will be delivered by Governor Oglesby. This county ought to have a good sized delegation at this convention, as there are numerous tile factories in this section.

Right You Are!

There is a three-cornered fight between Peoria, Springfield and Decatur citizens for the location of the state fair next year. The officers of the state fair should settle it permanently and not be putting it up to the highest bidder every year or two. *Mattoon Journal.*

Tough on Carter.

Chicago's "best mayor" and a hungry aspirant for United States senator whom Haines swears he will not support, had a tough experience at Springfield Thursday. Says the *State Journal*:

Carter H. Harrison paid his respects to the Democratic members of the Senate yesterday morning. He then went to the House and had to be identified before being admitted. The doorkeeper was assured that once upon a time he was a member of congress.

A NICE assortment of Zephyrs and Germantown Yarns—3 oz. Zephyr for 25 cts. Best quality of Germantown, 20c, at jan13-d1w MRS. K. EINSTEIN'S.

Accident at Milmine.

The Wabash mail train engineer met with a serious accident at Milmine, 20 miles east of Decatur, this morning at 6 o'clock. The drifting snow caused the heavy locomotive to leave the track and tip over on its side. The engineer, John Knight, was badly hurt. One of his arms was fractured in three places and two of his ribs and the nasal bone were broken. The accident blockaded the track all forenoon. The train arrived in the city between 12 and 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Knight was the only person hurt. He was attended by the Wabash surgeon.

A LIVERY carriage containing two young ladies and two young men, going home from the Home Circle party, came to grief last night in a deep snow-drift on West Prairie street. The wheels struck an obstruction and the carriage tipped over on its side, causing a general shake-up inside and much consternation. The screams of the young ladies could be heard above the howling of the blizzard. Fortunately no one was hurt, and after the door was opened by the driver the party emerged on deck and waded home through the snow. The carriage was left lying on its side in the street until to-day, the driver wisely concluding after the mishap to unhitch and take the horses with himself to the stable.

A BRILLIANT PARTY.

Reception and Soiree at the Home of Lou Race Last Night.

Mr. Lou Race, of the Home Circle Club, gave the members and invited friends of that jolly organization a very delightful reception last night at his home, on West Main street, in which he was assisted in doing the honors of the occasion by Mrs. W. B. Chambers and Hon and Mrs. B. K. Durfee. The company included the Misses Alice Priest, Grace Macoughtry, Ella Race, Dora Walston and her friend, Miss Turner, of Paris, Cora Chambers, Hattie Howell, Laura Johns, Cornie Cooper, of Ky., Effie Rogers, Eva Caldwell, Alma Keohler, Mabel Alexander, and Elward and Charles Powers, Arthur and Joe Alexander, Ed Judson, Bert Hardy, Will Ennis, John Ullrich, Tom McReynolds, W. M Strange, Harry Hays, Lou Race, Will Henkle. Dancing was the chief enjoyment of the evening. A fine collation was served at a suitable hour. The guests voted the party one of the finest of any that has yet been given.

PERSONAL MENTION.

To-day Supervisor Freeman is sitting up and eating toast. Much better.

Rev. P. C. Walcott is the rector of the House of Prayer.

Frank Goodman had his ears slightly frost-bitten last night while tramping through the snow with his big fiddle.

Abraham Miller, of Lancaster county, Penn., arrived in the city to-day on a brief visit to his son, Cyrus Miller.

We regret to learn that the infant son of Mr. George Hunsley is still dangerously ill. Its condition to-day is very alarming to the family.

Ed. Palmer, who has been in St. Louis for a year, has returned to the city and is a salesman at the New York Fire store on Merchant street.

Judge Wilkin, who paid the REPUBLICAN sanctum a visit last evening, left for Marshall, his home, to-day noon. will return Monday noon.

Rev. J. H. Noble received a fall Monday morning and for a time concussion of the brain was feared. He is about all right now.—*Shelbyville Union.*

W. A. Hankins, a medical student of this city, had the good luck to hold the ticket which drew the $100 in gold at M. Grady's gift drawing at Maroa a few days ago.

Senator Rogers arrived from Springfield last night on a delayed train. He says the democrats are having a red-hot time in the House, and that they alone are responsible for the puzzle. They have a majority of one in the House, and if they cannot agree it is their own fault. It was their votes that put Haines in the chair as temporary speaker.

JUDGE WILKIN got weather bound in Decatur last night. He had arranged to leave for Marshall by way of Vandalia last evening, but the Central train south was many hours late, and he had to remain here until noon to-day, when he started for home on the Wabash train going east. The Judge visited the Decatur Club Rooms last evening and passed the evening pleasantly.

What is it?

Purks' Bite Whine Balsam?
Whines' Purk Bine Whalsam?
Bines' Whurk Biles Purksome?
Bals Park Whal Bilesome?
No!
Burks' White Pine Balsam!

THE CHURCHES TO-MORROW

CHURCH OF GOD

Rev M. S. Newcomer will preach to-morrow at the usual hours. Morning subject: "Salvation by Baptism." Persons believing in baptism for remission of sins specially invited. Evening subject: "Salvation by Faith."

Y. M. C. A.

Gospel song service at 3:30 p. m to-morrow in the rooms. Everybody cordially invited.

U. B. CHURCH.

Class meeting at 9.30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m and 7 p m. Sunday school at 2 p m Revival meetings during the week. You are invited to attend. R. H. Beck, pastor.

ENGLISH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Services at 10:30 a m and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Catechetical lectures every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to be present at any or all of these services. Place of worship in hall, corner N. Main and Eldorado Sts. Rev. A. W. Walter, pastor, 317 Durfee street.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. George B. Vosburgh, Ph. D., pastor, preaches at 10:30 a m and 7:15 p m. Morning subject, "The Blessings of a Christian Life." Evening subject, "The Birthright of the Soul." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m There will be preaching at this church every evening next week at 7:30, except Saturday. On Monday and Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock there will be young people's meeting. The public are cordially invited.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Holy Communion 7 a. m.; Sunday school 9:30 a. m; service and sermon, 10:45 a. m.; evening service, 7:00 p. m.

HOUSE OF PRAYER.

Holy Communion 8 a. m; service and sermon 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school 2:30 p. m.; evening prayer 7:30 p. m.

STAPP'S CHAPEL M. E.

Preaching by the pastor, Rev. George Stevens, at 10:30 a m and 7 p m. Sunday school at 2 p m; D S. Shellabarger superintendent. Class meeting at 9:30 a m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Classes meet at 9 a. m, Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, T. I Coultas. Evening subject, "The Heinousness of Sin" Sunday school at 2 p. m. Young converts meeting at 6:15 p. m. Special services during the week will be announced on the Sabbath.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Rev. Sophie Gibb, pastor. Services at the usual hours. Seats free. All are invited.

MAN ABOUT TOWN.

An officer of the county fair board told me yesterday that he was ready to boom the project of securing the state fair in Decatur, but he would like first to hear what the citizens of the town—the men who will have to put up lots of money—thought about it. It is time to move in the matter. A great deal can be accomplished by united effort. A mass meeting would give all an opportunity of expressing themselves. The state board will meet again in February.

The man who gets up before breakfast, shoulders his 40-cent patent shovel or old rusty spade, and shovels the snow off the front walk, gives evidence of his piety and kind consideration of the comfort of his neighbors. Rev. Coultas set such an example yesterday morning.

Now that the grand jury has adjourned the gambling fraternity will breathe easier. Some of these chaps, I hear, don't feel kindly toward the "Man About Town," because he saw fit the other day to say something in this column about the gambling dens alleged to exist in certain quarters. Can't help it, boys. You must remember that you don't own the town, and if you get nabbed with an indictment you must stand up and take your medicine like little men. You are in scaly business, and your half-yearly scare will do you good in the end.

A precocious West end boy has been having his hair cut regularly at Norman's, and now he has a stack of chances in the gift donation. The other evening, while looking over the tickets at home, the lad called out to his father: "Say, papa, when's the *hair drawin'* to come off?" That was a close application.

When you go to the stamp window in the post office for a half dozen stamps don't stand there until you have licked the stamps and smoothed them on as many letters, while a dozen people are waiting for you to get through the slow process; and when you happen to get a letter or a postal card, dont, oh! don't, stand at the window until you have read the card, or opened and perused the letter. Another thing: when you have asked the postmaster if there is "anything for the Smiths," don't stick your head clear through the delivery hole, like a man in the stocks, and stand there and watch the P. M. behind the boxes until he has looked through the whole Smith box. Other people sometimes desire to drop letters into the post office, and still others have lock boxes, and can get their mail without bothering the boss behind the bars. If you don't cover seventy-five or a hundred pigeon holes with your awful presence.

THE "COMMONWEALTH."

Report of Secretary Barnes—The Company in a Healthy Condition.

The following is a copy of the Secretary's report read at the late meeting of the Stockholders of the Commonwealth Mutual Fire Insurance Company of this city:

Mr President, Directors and Policy Holders of the Commonwealth Mutual Fire Ins Co:

As an active officer of the Commonwealth Mutual Fire Insurance Company, I deem it my duty as well as esteem it a privilege to lay before you the results of our labor for the year just past, and leave you to judge as to the progress made. Few, not actively engaged in laboring for the success of an institution of this kind, can realize the innumerable vexations connected with the business; the anxiety experienced by those deeply interested in piloting an insurance bark over the rocks and shoals and through the dashing breakers, on whose shores can be seen the wrecks of other companies that were launched upon the sea of insurance full of confidence and pleasant anticipations of a successful voyage. In no year, excepting the year in which the largest Chicago fire occurred have the fires been so destructive as during the year just past. In 1883 the total losses by fire in the United States and Canada reached the enormous amount of $82,100,000. The year just past, while registering the deaths of more notable men, and showing the most destructive record by cyclones and storms of property upon sea and land, has also exceeded in a holocaust of property, which foots up over $112,000,000. In this destruction of property this company has been called upon to pay its share of tribute, amounting to $16,402.28; as well as $4,261.39 of losses adjusted but not due, as shown by our report for 1883 every dollar of which has been promptly adjusted and paid, with the exception of one loss of $1,445.00 that has been adjusted but is not yet due. During the year we have, in addition, paid $14,813.75 in the general expense incurred in carrying on the business. There has been collected and deposited in bank to the credit of the treasurer of this company $55,238.89, this amount including receipts from what is termed the stock company business, and also that resulting from business placed in the syndicate of mutual companies, upon which this company derives a constantly increasing revenue, as explained in my report for 1883. I append herewith statements showing these receipts and expenses more in detail; wherein also we show the number of policies in force Jan. 1, 1884 to be 670 representing notes to the amount of $95,239.75 and number written in 1884 to be 691 representing notes to the amount of $141,781.42 from which deduct canceled policies (105 in number, representing notes to the amount of $11,576.68) and we have 1156 policies as now remaining in force, representing a grand total of $215,444.49 in notes, being the result of 18 months' work. I am gratified to announce that since my last report I can discover a large increase in the number of advocates of the mutual plan of insurance, who by personal and practical experience have become convinced of the superiority and cheapness of this plan over the stock plan of insurance. To-day I can proudly refer to every citizen of this city, or anywhere in the country, who hold our policies, to substantiate my statement as to the cheapness of this plan of insurance. It shall be my duty and constant endeavor to continue to reduce the expense of insurance, and it is your duty and I doubt not your desire, gentlemen directors and policy holders, to encourage and sustain your secretary in the faithful performance of the duties of his office. This company is now and for some time past has been making semi-annual assessments of 8 per cent upon each premium note, and when you consider that according to our five year plan 20 per cent is one full annual, or stock company's premium, you will readily see that upon our present ratio of assessment we are enabled to save to each policy holder 4 per cent of his premium note per year, or one-fifth of one annual premium as charged by any stock company doing business in Decatur or elsewhere; or, to restate it, we are able in 12 months' time to save on every $100.00 of premium notes $4,000 to the holders of policies, for which these policies were given. In due time I shall hope to present to your directors many questions for their consideration that as our business increases and our territory widens will force themselves upon their consideration and call for a solution at their hands. In conclusion, permit me to acknowledge the general courtesy and assistance rendered to me by the officers, employes and policy holders of this company in our combined efforts to advance the best interests of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BARNES, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total cash received during the year 1884	$55,238.89
Total paid out on orders during 1884	50,550.01
	$4,688.88

K. H. ROBY, Treas.

Quilting, Oyster Supper and Festival.

There will be an entertainment at the tabernacle on Thursday night, Jan. 22d, under the auspices of the W. C. T. Union, consisting of the following: A memorial quilt will be there to be quilted by those skilled in the art. Those desiring it can have their names preserved upon the quilt. A few recitations will be given by some of our excellent young elocutionists. There will be hot oysters, ice cream and cake, and a good place for a good social time. Admission 10 cents. We solicit your patronage. SECRETARY. 17 dtd

Hard Times.

I will sell, until further notice, at these low prices, as follows:

Nice Cord Wood, $4.50 per cord, delivered
Nice Stove Wood, $2.00 per load, "
Nice Chunks Wood, $2.00 per load, "
Soft Coal, $1.75 at yard; $2.25 per ton, delivered.
Hard Coal, $7.75 at yard; $8.00 per ton, delivered.
Yard next to Shellabarger's mill, on Water street. Telephone 139.

GEO. W. EHRHART.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 17, 1885—dtf

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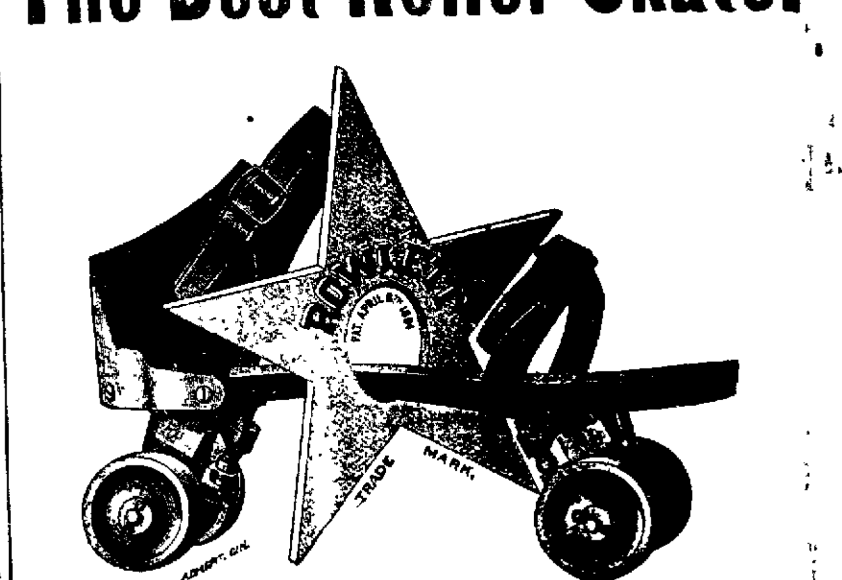

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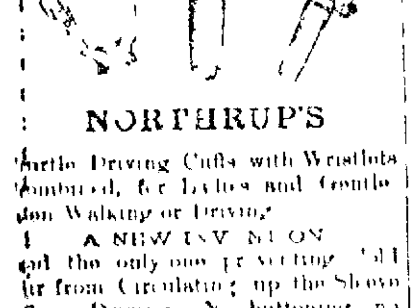

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In the city. Agent for the [illegible] and Globe

ROLLER SKATES.

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—AND—

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PUBLICATION NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, Macon County, ss

[illegible] County Court of Macon County to the February Term A. D. 1885.

Anna A. Warren, Administratrix of the estate of Fila E. Scott, deceased, vs Henry H. Scott, [illegible] and William H. [illegible]

Petition to Sell Real Estate to Pay Debts.

AFFIDAVIT of the non-residence of Henry [illegible]

[illegible]

Decatur Ill [illegible] 29 1884

O P HARDY, Clerk

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The Daily Republican.

THE CRUSHER CRUSHED

He entered the car with an off-hand grace,
An easy smile, and—a sample case
Two seats in one did he lightly whirl
Across from a not ill looking girl,
With a novelette and a cart-wheel hat;
"Alone by Jove! I will have a chat
Ere we have gone ten miles " he said,
As he fitted his skull-cap on his head
"The girls who travel in Texas are
Soft snaps as a rule—too fresh by far
Just lend them a book—lift the window sash—
No trouble at all to make a mash '
He did not know that the maiden small
Had been on the road two years last fall
A female drummer with grip immense
And a lot of good, shrewd, common sense

This is the time and proper caper.
"Miss, will you look at the morning paper?"
And there on the margin the maiden read
"To do you a favor I'd give my head
That I might reap in turn perchance
One gentle word—one kindly glance
The engine whistled, the train slowed in
At a station known as the town of Lynn
The maiden rose with her sweetest smile
To the festive masher across the aisle
And said, as she straightened her frills and lace,
"You may help me off with my sample case "
—*Merchant Traveler*

An Answer Wanted

Can any one bring us a case of Kidney or Liver Complaint that Electric Bitters will not speedily cure? We say they can not, as thousands of cases already permanently cured and who are daily recommending Electric Bitters, will prove Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Weak Back, or any urinary complaint quickly cured They purify the blood, regulate the bowels and act directly on the diseased parts Every bottle guaranteed

For sale at 50 cents a bottle by Swearingen & Hubbard. al

THE Memphis Avalanche hardly agrees with certain chivalrous and sensitive Southern gentlemen when it says "The subject of General Grant's necessities is a delicate one to approach Far from allowing war prejudices to warp our opinions, we would feel like making General Grant's war services the reason for freely giving him the rank he won by merit as a soldier If the matter rested there we would not hesitate to say frankly and emphatically, now create his rank and place, give him the salary and retire him "

A Former Belle of Washington

Mrs Kate Chase Sprague, at one time the belle of Washington and the leading society queen of our nation, until her unfortunate connubial difficulties arose, is now quietly secluded at Fontainebleau, in France directing the education of her lovely children, writes a New York correspondent She is yet a magnificent woman, beautiful in the face, erect in stature, and as exquisitely refined and fascinating in manner as ever Her hair has become almost white, but it is intensely becoming to her classic visage She recently left the American colony at Paris, not wishing to mingle with the promiscuous society there. Doubtless she will be in Washington for the inaugural ceremonies, attired in all her old fashioned splendor, and the honored guest of one of her distinguished father's former friends

Genius and Opportunity.

For a score of years the scientific school of criticism has tried to break down the barrier between ordinary minds and men of genius by proving that genius differs in degree but not in kind from common intellects. That this tendency should have grown in favor is not surprising; it is merely an illustration of that larger tendency in modern science to regard all organic beings as related, and to obliterate the line of separation between the lowest men and the highest animals. But after accepting the assertion that men of genius are only ordinary men with some intellectual qualities developed to an unusual degree, how does that make genius any the less remarkable? It is in the difference that the marvel lies, and not in the resemblance. Science will never be able to do more than record that difference, it will never be able to explain it. So when we are told that Shakespeare or Goethe was the product of his time, we need not quarrel with the statement, but we know that no explanation of the fact that Shakespeare was Shakespeare can be given That particular individuality which distinguished him from all other men, whether they were contemporary or not, can not be explained by referring to the age or to the environment in which he lived.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

—The earliest English ballad is supposed to be the "Cuckoo Song "

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Swearingen & Hubbard feb19dawly

THE New York *Sun* having said that Cleveland's administration would be "either a success or a failure," a Chicago bourbon organ replies 'That is nothing The *Sun* could doubtless guess the sex of a baby in two guesses " To which the Detroit *Post* responds "H'm, well, that's not so easy nowadays The baby may turn out to be a mugwump "

Don't Give Up Yet

It doesn't follow that a patient will die because the doctors have "given him up," or that he will recover because they promise to "pull him through " It is never too late to try the great virtues of Parker's Tonic. Mr Michael Guilfoyle, of Binghampton, N. Y, was cured of Rheumatism by it after ten years of unspeakable suffering. Mr. R. W. Mosher, druggist, of same city, certifies that he has sold over a thousand bottles of Parker's Tonic through its reputation for this and other cures. jan1 deodaw4w

A LONDON paper refers to "General Cleveland" as the "first Confederate President since the war." It appears that the London press has finally disabused itself of the idea that Cleveland is an Ohio institution

I HAVE been bothered with catarrh for about twenty years. I could not tell how many different remedies I have tried, and none seemed to reach my case like Ely's Cream Balm I had lost my smell entirely for the last fifteen years, and I had almost lost my hearing My eyes were getting so dim I had to get some one to thread my needle. Now I have my hearing as well as I ever had, and I can see to thread as fine a needle as I ever did, and my smell is perfectly restored, and it seems to be improving all the time I think there is nothing like Ely's Cream Balm for Catarrh I always had a trouble with my throat and a little hacking cough, and I am almost well of that. Mrs. E E Grimes, 67 Valley St., Rennrill, Perry Co., Ohio. 15-deod&w2w

GRANDMOTHER

Used herbs in doctoring the family and her simple remedies *DID CURE* in most cases Without the use of herbs, medical science would be powerless and yet the tendency of the times is to neglect the best of all remedies for those powerful medicines that seriously injure the system

MISHLER'S HERB BITTERS.

Is a combination of valuable herbs, carefully compounded from the formula of a regular Physician, who used this prescription largely in his private practice with great success It is not a drink but a medicine used by many physicians. It is invaluable for *DYSPEPSIA, KIDNEY and LIVER COMPLAINTS, NERVOUS EXHAUSTION, WEAKNESS, INDIGESTION, &c* and while curing will not hurt the system

Mr C J Rhodes, a well-known [illegible] man of Safe Harbor Pa writes

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E A Schollentrager Druggist St Clair Street Cleveland O writes

[illegible]

MISHLER HERB BITTERS CO
525 Commerce St., Philadelphia

Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup Never Fails

Change of Business.

[illegible] having sold out her restaurant [illegible] North Water street, to Messrs Crosthwait Bros [illegible] respectfully ask for them a continuance of the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon her MRS C J MARCOTI

THE RESTAURANT BUSINESS

Will be continued by the undersigned at the same place under the firm name of CROSTHWAIT BROS, and will be under the immediate control and management of [illegible] We respectfully ask a share of the patronage of the public.
Jan 10dtfm CROSTHWAIT BROS

I W BAKER is receiving new Shoes, bought for cash, at prices that will enable him together with his light expenses, to give you the best bargains in the city Remember the place, between Lyon's grocery and Cole's drug store, on Merchant street jan9 d&wtf

Read All

The advertisements in this paper, but when you want Gents Underwear, Shirts, Cuffs Collars &c, come see us We sell such goods at about the price most merchants pay for them LINN & SCRUGGS
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You can always save money by purchasing Window Materials and Carpets at Linn & Scruggs' 18 d&wtf

USE Palmen Tooth Soap, prepared by Dr Thos S Hoskins & Co, Decatur, Ill Sold by all druggists July27dtf

REMEMBER J W Baker's new Shoe store on Merchant street, between Lyon's grocery and Cole's drug store 9 dawtf

CALDWELL'S Coal and Wood Yard is just east of the Furniture Factory, where [illegible] has all kinds of Coal and Wood
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MT. OLIVE Coal makes no clinkers either in stoves or open grates

Mt Olive Coal is very free from slate and sulphur

Mt Olive Coal costs no more than the inferior grades offered in this market

Mt Olive Coal—either lump or nut—is sold only by R. McCLELLAND,
Dec 15 dtf Telephone 21

Farmer's Excursion to New Orleans

The Illinois Central R R will run a Farmers Excursion to New Orleans and the World's Exposition leaving Decatur at 5 45 p m, January 7th 1885 Fare for the round trip $17 60 Return tickets good for forty days. To enable this party to visit the prairie region of Louisiana a special low rate excursion will be run from New Orleans to Jeannings passing through the finest sugar and rice districts of the whole south and giving the Northwestern farmers such a view of the South as cannot be had in any other way Coaches will run through to New Orleans without change and we suggest as a means of comfort and economy that each person provide himself with a blanket also a coffee pot and a well-filled lunch basket Parties desiring Sleeping Car accommodations must apply to me not later than January 6th and in every instance accompany the application with price of berth. For full particulars apply to the undersigned at Manchester Iowa J F MERRY,
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BUY your coal of George Ehrhart, telephone 139 18-dtf

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THE Patent Ear Muffler at B Stine's dawtf

Tax Notice

I have received the tax books, and am now ready to receive payment for taxes. Call at my office, over Gorin, Dawson & Co's bank, entrance from Merchant street side CHAS C RADCLIFF,
jan7 d2w Collector.

IRONING SHIRTS.

"Ironing my husband's shirts ' said she,
With a mot on of easy grace,
As over the iron the metal flew,
While the love light swept her face

Little she thought how those simple words
Stirred within me the loves of old,
How the pain shot through me to think them
So long in their graves so cold

That bosom so white that earnest care
Lest a wrinkle or crease or seam
Should mar the linen to her so fair,
Was to me like an old time dream

Ah many a the time in day's gone by,
As with weary hands I strove
I wished there were not so many to call
For a wife s or mother s love

And of on I sai l as the sun sank low
'Oh I m glad my work is done
So many, so many Alas poor hands,
They have now not even one.

Ah, wives, be patient, and mothers, be strong
For the toil that comes to day
'Tis easier far for [illegible] heart to bear
Than to have him far away!
Frances D Gaze, in Woman's Journal

ORIENTAL MAGIC.

Astonishing Feats of Jugglery Seen in the East—How the Gentlemanly Hindoo Made the Mango Tree Grow Mysteriously—Smashing Watches and Burning Handkerchiefs—A Wise Caveat.

I was smoking my chibouk one day on the wide veranda of a bungalow, or Government inn, in Northern India. It was in January, but the weather was intensely hot and my Dak Gharra, with its rough, untrained horses, had stopped here or a midday rest My native servant, Chuddy-Lall, whom I nicknamed "Handy Andy, ' on account of certain unhandy ways and a merry twinkle of the eye that indicated no lack of Hibernian humor, came up to the porch, and, with a salaam, said "Would sahib like to see Hindoostanee man make tricks?" 'Yes, bring him on I suspected that the fellow was consulting his own fondness for amusement more than mine, but it was too hot to sleep, and I was ready for anything that would kill time

A tall, fine looking Hindoo, with a clear-cut, intelligent face, and eyes that looked straight at you, with no indication of the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain " next appeared on the scene He was dressed in the long white robe of his race, with a rich cashmere shawl round his waist, and his salutation and manner were respectful, without the least shade of servility He was followed by two attendants carrying the various implements of his profession, which they spread out before him and a dozen or two hangers-on of all ages grouped themselves at a respectful distance to enjoy the free show.

The ground in front of the bungalow was paved with large flat stones, and upon one of these the conjurer seated himself curling his legs under him in Oriental fashion, and asked in Hindoostanee "What special trick would the Sahib like to see?" At the same time he bared his arms long, well formed, but not muscular, and untied his shawl to open his robe and show me that there was no concealed mechanism about his person

I told him, through Handy Andy, that I would like to have him perform the "Mango trick, ' which I had seen once before in Delhi without being able to penetrate its mysteries He nodded assent, and, taking a box about ten inches square, filled it with earth, and in it planted a mango nut about the size of an English walnut, having first handed it to me for examination He then made a tripod, or frame work of three sticks, six or eight feet long, and tied together at the top, placed it over the box and covered the whole with a piece of white muslin The only thing thus far that looked like charlatanism was a muttered incantation rolling up his eyes, with outstretched palms, as if appealing for aid to some higher power.

Again seating himself on the stone flagging, not more than ten feet from the veranda, he went through the most astonishing performances of sleight-of hand tricks, such as swallowing swords, tossing balls in the air, which never seemed to come down, drawing from his mouth colored ribbons of interminable length etc., some of which I have seen done before but never in broad daylight He borrowed my watch, mashed it to flinders, and then mysteriously returned it unharmed to my pocket He burned my handkerchief, then poured from a vial some elixir upon the ashes and the linen was returned to me without the smell of fire on its hem

These and many other curious things he did for nearly an hour with the most intense gravity of manner and an air of candor that would disarm suspicion. My eyes were wide open and I watched him so intently as scarcely to wink, and yet I was unable to detect a single flaw or account for one of these transformations

Some of the tasks he repeated at my request, but the result was the same At the critical moment his motions were quick as lightning. In all cases where fire was used I noticed that he either poured some liquid or threw a whitish powder upon the flames, which produced for an instant a dense smoke, and left a pungent, aromatic odor in the air

In the meantime the mango tree was growing. Four times, at intervals of ten or fifteen minutes, he raised the muslin cover to report progress The first time a sprout three or four inches long appeared, at which he expressed satisfaction and carefully sprinkled it from a small water-pot. The next time it was a foot high, and the leaves seemed just forming The third time it was fully two feet in height, and appeared to be growing most vigorously At the close of his other performances he tossed aside the enveloping cloth and tripod of sticks and lo! there was a mango tree or bush, about five feet in height, with perfectly-formed leaves and branches. He brought it to me, and I satisfied myself beyond question that it was a real, live tree by breaking off a branch which I kept as souvenir. He then pulled it up by the roots, to which was attached the nut, partly decayed and covered with fine fibrous sprouts He then emptied the earth from the box to show me that nothing was concealed within it.

When it is borne in mind that all this was done in broad daylight, with no person usually near him. The performer's arms being bare to the shoulders, and seated on a stone pavement, it is not surprising that the bystanders seemed filled with amazement, not unmixed with awe Their faces would have been to me an interesting study, if my own attention had not been so closely riveted on the conjurer

Through Handy Andy, as interpreter, I offered him twenty rupees if he would disclose to me the secret of the mango trick I then doubled and trebled the offer, but he only shook his head, and I presume a thousand rupees would have been no temptation I rewarded him with a generous tip," and for the moment regretted that I was not a showman by profession If I could have secured his services for an American engagement there would have been "millions in it "

The wonderful tricks of conjuring and juggling sometimes witnessed in Oriental countries may well make one mistrust the evidence of his senses. While I claim to be specially matter of fact by temperament, with very little faith in the supernatural, I have in vain puzzled my brain to account for the modus operandi, and sometimes rubbed my eyes to make sure I was not dreaming It always excited my wonder and admiration to witness the skill and expertness of the performer, but I never for a moment doubted that it was a trick which could be rationally explained In the East the profession of a conjurer inspires dread He is looked upon as in league with evil spirits The ordinary Oriental mind does not seek to penetrate his secret, but takes it for granted that he possesses supernatural powers. His imagination is easily excited, and the belief in magic is universally accepted as a part of his religious creed

The more refined and learned class of Buddhists repudiate and despise the grosser exhibitions of magic and charlatanism, but the great mass of the common people are simple-minded credulous and easily imposed upon The professors of magic hand down the secrets of the art by tradition. In India conjuring as well as snake charming is a hereditary profession, and their mystic practices are transmitted from father to son

It is a good plan if one has anything marvelous to relate to tell first what he has seen with his own eyes, and afterward what may have come to him at second hand

The old missionary Jesuits in India and China relate with holy horror the magic arts of the sorcerers which came under their observation, and lament that some credulous princes who have been converted to Christianity should still allow diabolic tricks to be played before them As, for instance, heavy goblets of silver to be moved from one end of a table to another without hands, and heavy articles of furniture to dance about the room as if possessed of demons. This was many centuries before the development of modern spiritualism How these pious old monks would be shocked at seeing tables tipped, banjos banged, fiddles fly through the air and bells rang in cabinets where the evil "spirits" were supposed to be tied hand and foot

A very learned friar who lived several hundred years ago, and is described as "perfectly honest and truthful," relates that in his time there lived among the Tartars certain men, honored above all others, being idol priests from India persons of deep wisdom, well conducted and of the purest morals They were acquainted with the magic arts, and depended upon the counsel and aid of demons " Among other delusions they exhibited, all of which he describes with great exactness, he says "they can sit in the air without any visible means of support, first on a tripod of three sticks, then one stick after another is removed, and the man still remains not touching the ground. ' He further relates that "with a long stick I felt under the suspended person and found nothing upon which his body rested " It was told that his last performance was professedly exhibited in Madras during the present century, and minutely described by writers "whose veracity can not be impeached "

And now comes the most astonishing trick of all which has a touch of the melodramatic to give a more piquant flavor I shall tell it in quaint language of the old chronicler, somewhat abbreviated, and I trust no one will take it to be literally true He describes very vividly the basket trick, which is well known in India and says "I am now to relate a thing which surpasses all belief and which I should not venture to tell if it had not been witnessed by thousands under my own eyes One of the party took a ball of cord, and grasping one end, threw the other up in the air with such force that its extremity was beyond the reach of our sight He then immediately climbed up the cord with incredible swiftness, and was soon out of sight I stood full of astonishment not conceiving what was to come of this, when lo a leg came tumbling down out of the air. One of the conjuring company instantly snatched it up and threw it into a basket A moment after a hand came down and immediately after that another leg And in a short time all the members of the body came thus successively tumbling from the air and were cast together into the basket. The last fragment of all we saw come down was the head, and no sooner had that touched the ground than he who had snatched up all the limbs and put them into the basket turned them all topsy turvey And straightway I saw with these eyes all those limbs creep together again and in a short time a whole man, who stood up and walked about without showing the least damage Never in my life was I so astonished as when I beheld this wonderful performance, and I doubted now no longer that these misguided men did it by the help of the devil I had an attack of palpitation of the heart, like that which overcame me once before in the presence of the Sultan of India when he showed me something of that kind They gave me a cordial, however, which cured me of the attack The Kadi Afkharradin was next to me and quoth he "Wallah! 'tis my opinion there has been neither going up nor coming down, neither marring nor mending 'tis all hocus-pocus" and I think this was a very wise conclusion to come to.

When the evidence of eye-witnesses is too direct to be rebutted, and no alibi can be proved, a wily advocate in defending the criminal will sometimes relate to the open mouthed jury some well authenticated cases of optical delusion, and dilate most learnedly on the fallibility of circumstantial evidence By way of caveat I will only add the motto which every Eastern traveler should bear in mind "Believe nothing you hear, and only half you see."—*From an Old Traveler's Note-Book.*

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE

In the Schools of Decatur for the Week Ending Friday, Jan 16, 1885

	No Enrolled	No Times Absent	No Tardy
HIGH SCHOOL			
J W Gibson	13	18	2
Mary W French	49	24	0
Minnie A Parker	51	5	0
Mary Wilder	51	[illegible]	1
Ella Bear	88		0
FIRST WARD			
Thos L Evans	51	[illegible]	0
Alida R Handy	64	24	1
Sallie M Brand	65	17	1
Clara Starr	61	5	3
A Anna Tinkler	85	10	3
Belle Hobbs	114		
SECOND WARD			
Edwin Philbrook	60	21	1
Belle Fulton	56	15	3
Lucy Anderson	67	15	0
Anna M Wilson	6	13	2
Mary A Lukens	75	6	4
Anna B Murphy	83	6	5
THIRD WARD			
Jennie E Durfee	60	10	1
Anna H Jack	58		2
G Anna Raymond	64	11	1
Mary C Gregory	67	51	2
Harriet A Davidson	[illegible]		3
Ellen C Philbrook	74		4
FOURTH WARD			
Rosa F Judson	47		2
Mattie V Bean	66	23	1
Anna F Woods	58	11	1
Clara W Bowles	110		1
FIFTH WARD			
John T Bowles	41	3	[illegible]
Mary A Bradley	51	1	2
Sarah B Sanderson	51	5	2
Laura Montgomery	86		3
JONES SCHOOL			
Mattie H Evans	15	1	0

No Water for Eleven Days

The shipwrecked crew of the British Bark Benefactress were adrift in an open boat, supporting life on some bits of dry bread and a few apples This was slim fare, and reduced them to a state of great feebleness But Brown's Iron Bitters brings enfeebled folks up rapidly, even from such depths as this It enriches the blood, tones the system, and gives healthful strength Mr Wm Hardee, of Ennis, Tex, writes that he had dyspepsia in its worst form, but was restored by Brown's Iron Bitters

—White batiste collars, hemstitched, are allowed after the first three months of deep mourning

—Velvet and velvet and satin brocades are the materials for dinner and reception toilets

—All around belts have been revived to wear with basques, round waists and polonaises

FRAUD and humbug are pretty certain to invade every domain of activity but there is no fraud or humbug about the thousands of unsought testimonials to the worth of Mishler's Herb Bitters, that infallible remedy for every species of disease of the stomach, bowels, liver and kidneys J Smith Tally, druggist, of Litchfield Conn, writes "I do more with it than all similar preparations combined It is drawing all others out of the market, because it never fails give satisfaction to all who use it The people will have it

"Pa, ' said a precocious Stock Yards youth, in referring to his stern parent's unshaven visage, "your cheek looks like the wheel in ma's music box

—Persian lamb or Astrakhan is the coming fur

—A new fancy in folding bed [illegible] is in the form of an ornamental mantel

HAVE used Tongaline as a local application to and inflamed and swollen knee joint, and I never knew pain and swelling subside more rapidly Philo G Valentine, M D, St Louis

—An [illegible] designs in [illegible] has [illegible] fashionable favorites for lingerie and millinery pins

—Fichus of lace in various shapes are much worn

—Silk acorns are seen on dressy cutaway basques They are sewed down each side of the front in place of fancy buttons

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THE TEST.

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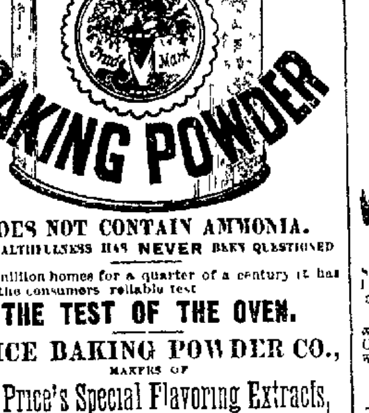

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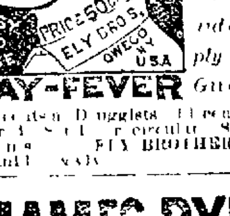

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Going " [illegible]
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No. 2, Chicago Express [illegible]
" 4, Atlantic Express [illegible]

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" 45, St. Louis Mail [illegible]

St. Louis Division

GOING WEST.

No 3, St. Louis Express [illegible]
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" 44, [illegible]
" 40, Decatur and St Louis [illegible]
" 5, Fast Mail [illegible]

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" 42, Lightning Express [illegible]

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Going West [illegible]
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Night Express No 23 [illegible]
Way Freight No 25 [illegible]
through Freight and Mixed Train No 29 [illegible]

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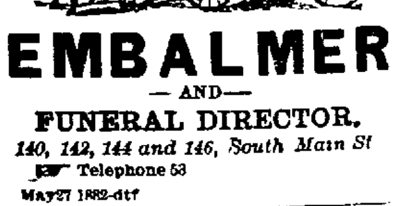

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